## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

**Clearance to Cooperative spinning Mills in Karnataka by the NCDC**

*221. SHRI. D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA ; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka have repeatedly requested the National Co-operative Development Coopration, New Delhi to grant approval to some of the cooperative spinning mills ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the delay in granting approval to the cooperative spinning mills ; and

(c) by when a final clearance would be given in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) to (c) . Out of the 7 Cooperative Spinning Mills which sought assistance from NCDC during the Sixth Plan period, approval in respect of 3 has already been given. Assistance from NCDC for more spinning mills will primarily depend on the availability of term loan from the Financing Institutions and finalisation of additional spindleage capacity to be created in the cooperative sector during the Seventh Plan period.

**Funds for Local Bodies**

*227. SHRI ASWANI KUMAR : SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a committee was set up to suggest fund augmentation measured for local Bodies of the states which abolish octroi ; and

(b) if so, what are its recommendation and the guidelines issued to States accordingly ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee has not Submitted its report to Government so far.

**Grievances of AIR staff**

*228. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the All India Radio programme staff listing some grievances regarding their service conditions and promotional avenues ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken to mitigate those grievances ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b) The Association of AIR Programme Staff writes to Government off and on drawing attention to service matters like expediting formation of the Indian Broadcasting (Programme) Service, filling vacancies in senior positions like Deputy Director General, etc. Such letters are invariably replied to explaining the steps taken and proposed.

**Auction of Plots in South Delhi By the DDA**

*229. SHRI F. M. KHAN : SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority auctioned plots